

# Hartford Elementary



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## Pictures from Track & Field Day



## Summer Events:

- June 4-8 Kindercamp
- Tuesday, June 5th- Summer School Begins
- June 11-15 Kindercamp
- June 15 - 16 - Jamboree Days
- Thursday, July 19 - Last Day of Summer School
- Saturday, August 18 - Bike Rodeo
- Tuesday, August 21st - First Day of School





# The May Birthday Bash

The May Birthday Bash was held on Tuesday, May 8th. Mrs. Tyler read "Happy Birthday to You" by Dr. Seuss, and each birthday child received a pencil, a card, a Trojan Buck, and a fruit snack. Happy birthday to all the May birthdays!



## Kindergarten May Birthdays

Cassie (5-22), Addison (5-17), Zachary (5-15), Hannah (5-13), Wyatt (5-12), and Kaia (5-13)

West Central PTA  
Meeting

Tuesday, June 5th  
7:00 pm

WC High School



## First Grade May Birthdays

Back Row: Brayden (5-29), Caden (5-25), Isaiah (5-21), Erik (5-19), and Blaze (5-14)  
Front Row: Jayden (5-17), Abram (5-11), Christian (5-15), Griffin (5-5), and Lauryn (5-9)



## Second Grade May Birthdays

Back Row: Zachary (5-22), Jack (5-12), Braden (5-19), Hailey (5-12), and Olivia (5-18)  
Front Row: Rylee (5-4), Tevan (5-5), and Connor (5-6)





# Pictures from Grandparents Day



## Love & Logic Neutralizing Arguments With Kids or Adults

We've all been there: You're talking to a friend or mate and suddenly, almost without warning, you feel it. The twinge. The quickened heartbeat. The feeling of exasperation, defensiveness, and the intense desire to strike out.

Intimacy - or "into me see" is dangerous business, not for the faint of heart. Allowing another person to see the real you takes courage. The risks are having your feelings hurt. The rewards are having someone close to you.

One of the many challenges of relating is the dreaded argument. We've all been there, done that. Can you remember the last time you were having a cordial conversation with a friend, colleague, or mate, and suddenly, almost without warning, tempers flared and harsh words were spoken? You didn't plan it. It just happened!

What if there was a tool you had ready to use in such a situation? Would you use it? I'll bet you would. The next time you're in a situation where you feel attacked and want to lash out, I want you to try this experiment:

1. *Stop!* Yes, I know this sounds simple, but I want you to practice it. Stop! Rather than say anything, or do anything, I want you to simply stop.
2. *Look.* Take a moment to look around you. Notice where you are and what is happening.
3. *Listen.* What is being said? What was it that got you ramped up? Were you accused of something? Did someone talk about you in an unkind way? What happened?
4. *Step back.* Take a break. Breathe. Create a bit of distance between you and the other person and the tense situation.
5. *Set a boundary.* Tell the person, "I care about you too much to argue with you." Now give yourself some time to process what is happening. Let them know you will talk to them about the situation once you feel comfortable again.

The "Love and Logic Relater" maintains control over themselves, not others. They know they cannot stop another person from saying or doing anything, but they do control themselves. The next time you're in a tense situation, *stop, look, and listen*. Pay attention and from that position make healthy choices about what you want to do. You'll be glad you did.

### WC Teacher Awarded Regional Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations to Carolyn Spielmann who was selected Regional Teacher of the Year for ESA (Educational Service Agency) 2. The ESA 2 includes 33 schools. Carolyn's application will now be one of the 7 applications submitted to the state for SD Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Carolyn and we wish her the best at the state level! Carolyn is a second grade teacher at Hartford Elementary.





# Help Us Save!

Check out the following ways to help us out!



## Box Tops for Education

Just clip, put in a baggie and return to school!  
There is also a drop box at Sunshine.



## Save Five for Schools

Just wash these milk and juice lids and send to school in a baggie (or Sunshine). Watch for store specials! We need the WHOLE lid!



## Labels for Education

This is not just Campbell's Soup Labels anymore! There are many products that qualify. Check it out at [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com). You can send labels to school with your child or drop in box @ Sunshine.

## Cell Phones/Ink Cartridges

You can drop off old cell phones or ink cartridges and we can recycle and get money back. There is a box inside our front door.

## From Mrs. Tyler

I've run out of time to write a reflections article this time! However, we have some big changes coming next year. Here are a few

- Common Core State Standards - National Standards that are more "rigorous" than SD Standards.
- New Staff
  - Allen Blue as head custodian
  - Laura Halverson replaces Allen Blue
  - Trey Manitz as second grade (extra section)
  - Kathy O'Hara as second grade (replacing Mrs. Mriden who is moving to Title I)
  - Brittany Henry as first grade (replacing Mrs. Graff who will stay home with her family)
  - Kyndra Brockmueller as first grade (replacing Mrs. O'Hara who is moving to second grade)
  - Pam Holloway as Kindergarten (replacing Mrs. Even who is moving to Iowa with her family)
  - Paige Wettern as school psychologist (replacing Jolene Keckler who will be a school psych in Sioux Falls)

Watch for more information to come on the Bike Rodeo sponsored by Safe Routes to Schools

Free Bike Give Away  
Free Helmets  
Bike Safety Course

Saturday, August 18th 2012  
@ Hartford Elementary  
Parking Lot

